

CEDAR MESA USE STIPULATIONS
(Including Grand Gulch Primitive Area)

- (1) All day hikers and overnight in-canyon hikers require a permit. Permit information is available from the BLM permit office in Monticello, (435) 587-1532, and at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station. Permit fees support the Kane Gulch Ranger Program.
- (2) Year-long group size limitation for both day and overnight use is: Commercial and private group size limit is 12. Private groups of 8 or more persons, and parties with stock, require an advance reservation. Commercial, organized group, and certain non-private use require an advance permit; call (435) 587-1510.
- (3) During the high use season (March 1-June 15, and September 1-October 31), All overnight permits must be picked up at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station between 8:00a.m. and noon on the trip start date. ALL Backpackers are required to watch a 10 minute low impact video at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station before obtaining the permit.
- (4) PETS are not allowed in any of the Grand Gulch Canyon or its tributaries, Slickhorn Canyons (including East Slickhorn – Outlook Canyon) and their tributaries, nor within the McLoyd Canyon/Moonhouse Recreation Management Zone. Hiking parties that include pets must abide by the Cedar Mesa Pet Stipulations as printed in The Cedar Mesa Pet Gazette. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Pets must be kept out of springs, pot holes and other natural water sources. Domestic pets and pack animals will not be allowed in cultural sites or on archaeological resources as defined in ARPA. This includes ruins, alcoves, and rock art sites. Pet owners must bury pet waste away from trails, campsites and water sources.
- (5) Stock use in Grand Gulch is limited from the Grand Gulch/Bullet Canyon junction to the Grand Gulch/Collins Canyon junction, with Government and Collins trail entry. All stock use will be limited to one party at any one time in the Grand Gulch. In Road, Fish, and Lime Canyons (from Comb Wash), Sock use is limited to one overnight trip per canyon system at any one time. In addition, stock day use is limited per day per trailhead in all canyons requiring permits. Advanced reservations must be made for all overnight trips.
- (6) ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND BICYCLES travel is limited to designated roads. Bicycles are not allowed on hiking trails. All vehicles used as a mesa top base for day hiking or overnight hiking in the canyons must have a hiking permit displayed on the vehicle dash or bike handle bars. Permittees with more than one vehicle can obtain a secondary vehicle permit from the Kane Gulch Ranger Station.
- (7) The use of ropes and other climbing aids will not be allowed for access to cultural sites or archaeological resources as defined in ARPA, Using a safety rope as an aid along a hiking route is permissible.
- (8) Acts of Nature present risks which the permit holder assumes. The user is responsible for inspecting and locating a campsite and inspecting the immediate adjoining area to avoid hazards such as dangerous trees, hanging limbs, possibility of flash floods or wildfire, and other hazardous conditions. Permits and permit fees are not a guarantee against such acts of nature, including inclement weather and difficult trail conditions.
- (9) The permit holder will be held legally and financially responsible for historical, archaeological, cultural, or ecological values damaged, destroyed, or removed by trip participants. Responsibility includes wildfire caused by members of the party. Visitors must report all wildfire to the nearest BLM office. Cultural artifacts located on the surface of an archaeological site or isolated artifacts are not to be disturbed. Moving or disturbing cultural artifacts from any location is a violation of federal law. The major federal laws which protect surface and subsurface cultural property, including artifacts and rock art, from any type of disturbance are as follows:
- The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979
 - The Antiquities Act of 1906
 - The Archaeological Resources Protection act of 1979 (as amended)
 - The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of
 - The National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended)
- PLEASE REPORT VANDALISM OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES 1-800-722-3998
- (10) CAMPING is permitted in well used campsites. No new campsites are to be created. No party may spend more than 2 consecutive nights at campsites near Junction Ruin, Turkey Pen Ruin, Jail House Ruin and the mouth of Bullet Canyon. Camping will not be allowed within cultural sites or archaeological resources as defined by ARPA. Camping is not allowed at any ruins, rock art sites or alcoves, nor the bench area surrounding Split Level Ruin. Backpacker camping is not allowed within one mile of the San Juan River in either Grand Gulch or Slickhorn Canyon.
- (11) PACK IT IN-PACK IT OUT. All trash, including toilet paper must be carried out. All liquids just be strained before disposal, then discarded at least 200 feet away from water sources, camps, and trails. Use only biodegradable soap. Clean-up at campsites and day use areas will include obliterating any temporary structures such as rock tables or chairs, tie-up posts and collection of all litter.
- (12) PERSONAL SANITATION and disposal of human waste is not permitted within 200 feet of a water source, trail, or campsite. Human waste will be deposited in a "cat hole" (6 inches deep) and covered with soil. Used toilet paper must be carried out. Do not burn toilet paper. Washing, bathing or swimming is not permitted in or near water sources such as springs, streams and pot holes.
- (13) NO WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES in any of the Cedar Mesa Canyons including Grand Gulch.
- (14) MESA TOP ONLY: Car Camping is allowed only at well-established vehicle campsites. Campfires are permitted only in established campsites and campgrounds on the mesa top of Cedar Mesa. A fire pan is required. The fire pan must be elevated or on a fire blanket. Fire fuels must be burnt to ash. All remaining ash, charcoal, or other unburned material will be packed out by the camping party - not buried, dumped or left in place.
- (15) Public access to McLoyd Canyon/Moonhouse Recreation Management Zone will be limited via a daily allocated permit system. Day use permits are available only from the Kane Gulch Ranger Station during the high use season and self-serve during the off season. Day and annual permits do not apply until the special use permit is received from the Kane Gulch Ranger Station. Advanced reservations can be made through the Monticello Field Office.
- (16) Entering any area marked as closed to entry, or physically closed to entry, is a violation.